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APPENDIX

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Maryland	COUNTY Anne Arundel	TOWN OR VICINITY Annapolis
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) John Ridout Tenant Houses		HABS NO. MD-252
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE (Three House Brick Building)		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) #110,112,114 Duke of Gloucester Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1786	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) A row of three fine late eighteenth century town houses, built for investment, apparently an early example of buildings of this type in the United States.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Federal		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick, laid in Flemish Bond on the long facades and English on the ends; hewn timber frame floors and roof.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Three stories above a basement, nine bays, about 80' long, rectangular with end additions and some rear additions. Floor Plan: hall, extending between party walls (see data p2)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Gable roof, pediment over the central pavilion of the main facade, large brick chimneys centered on both gable ends and on the two party walls, doorways at end bays consisting of a semi-circular arched opening framed by an open-pedimented frontispiece with Doric pilasters, doorway in central unit has a wide rectangular (see data p2)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Private		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE For information on chain of title to #110 and #114 see data pages 2-7.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) and Records and Wills, County Courthouse, Annapolis. Ridout Papers, Hall of Records, Annapolis. Papenfuss, Edward. Maryland, A New Guide To The Old Line State, Balt: J. Hopkins U. Press, 1976.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Eleni Silverman, Historian, HABS from reports by Florence Dunbar (Historic Annapolis, 1964) & Harley McKee, N.P.S. (1964)		DATE 3/16/84

SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (CONT'D):

dividing the space into front and rear halves. The rear half is a large single room which overlooked the gardens. The front half contains a single-bay room (on the first floor this is the entrance hall) and a two-bay room.

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (CONT'D):

opening with ornamented sidelights and transom light, framed by simple fluted pilasters carrying an entablature .

OTHER INFORMATION: The following represents an incomplete chain of title: Deed citation #110 Duke of Gloucester St:

- 1715 (28 June) A.A. Co. Deeds, Liber IB 2, Folio 225:
Mortgage between Robert Thomas of city, boatman, and Jeremiah Sampson, mariner. Consideration £55 due 28 June 1720 security of house and lot of Thomas on NE side of Duke of Gloucester Street, beginning at a stake standing in the said street, etc. where Thomas now lives, also Sloop Bonetor.
- 1718 Stoddert's Notebook, Folio 26:
Assigns lot #23, 148 feet on Duke of Gloucester, 264 feet deep, to Robert Thomas.
- 1720 (9 Nov) A.A. Co. Deeds, Liber CW 1, Folio 298:
Jane Thomas, widow of Robert Thomas, boatman, late of Annapolis, to Amos Garrett, merchant. By deed of Robert 28 June 1715 with proviso of redemption, sold to Jeremiah Sampson, mariner, one lot in Annapolis on NE side of Duke of Gloucester St. and small house thereon where Robert had lived, tenement being much out of repair and paling carried to the ground. For £8 current money Jane Thomas sells to Amos Garrett 1/3 part of lot 23, Jane's dower, and a small house hereon containing nearly one acre.
- 1726 A.A. Co. Deeds, Liber B, Folio 131:
Court acknowledges payment for resurvey of Amos Garretts' property, including Lot #23, previously owned by Robert Thomas.

Deeds for the period 1726 - 1766 have not been traced.

- 1766 A.A. Co. Deeds, Liber BB3, Folio 633:
John Ross to John Ridout, with buildings and improvements.
- 1774 (Dec. 3) Letter from John Ridout, Annapolis, to Mrs. Ann Ogle, London, Ridout Papers:
"I am now about to finish the middle tenement in my new building..."
- 1797 A.A. Co. Wills, Liber JB2, Folio 1;
John Ridout died Oct. 6, 1797, in his will he left "house eastward of house wherein I usually dwell to son Horatio, occupied by Mr. Latimer.
- 1811 A.A. Co. Deeds, Liber WSG L, Folio 182:
Horatio Ridout to Ann Cheston, lot in Annapolis including three story brick dwelling house.
- Missing record of deed from Ann Cheston to Thomas T. Simmons Circa 1823-1825 has not been found.
- 1838 (17 Jan.) A.A. Co. Deeds, Liber WSG 22, folio 406:
Joseph G. Harrison, trustee for the estate of Thomas T. Simmons to Philip F. Voorhees. Harrison was appointed by Chancery Court to sell property and settle estate of the late Simmons. Property described as that previously owned by Ann Cheston who acquired it from Horatio Ridout. Voorhees bought house 12 Jan. 1837.
- 1845 (14 May) A.A. Co. Deeds, Liber JHN 1, Folio 146:
Josias Pennington and Samuel Hoff, trustees for Mary Caton to Philip F. Voorhees. Mary Caton was left part of Lot #22 in trust by her father Charles Carroll. There were no buildings on the property when Voorhees acquired it, to be used as a garden adjacent to his dwelling.
- 1893 (21 Feb.) A.A. Co. Deeds, Liber SH44, Folio 37:
Philip Voorhees and wife to Randall McKim, et al.
Property frontage 122 feet, depth 253 feet.

1914 (7 Feb.) A.A. Co. Deeds, Liber GW99, Folio 465:
George B. Keester et al (Evelyn, Elizabeth, Eugene children of late Eugene Worthington) to Evelyn Morton Worthington. Eugene Worthington died 26 Jan. 1914 leaving "an unexecuted will conveying to his wife all of his property, real, personal, and mixed." His children and their husbands recognized the will and conveyed the property to his widow.

1926 (28 August) A.A. Co Deeds, Liber WMB 35, Folio 409:
Nicholas H. Green, Trustee for the estate of Evelyn Worthington. Mrs. Worthington died intestate 24 May 1923. Orphans Court appointed Mr. Green trustee and sale was requested and agreed upon by heirs. Property bought by Evelyn Worthington Keester and husband, George B. Keester.

N.B. Unless otherwise indicated, the above cited deeds, wills, and other records may be found at the Hall of Records, Annapolis.

DEED CITATION, #114 DUKE OF GLOUCESTER STREET

- 1715 (28 June) A.A. Co. Deeds, Liber IB 2, Folio 225:
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To son Samuel ". . . house northwest of house I usually occupy rented to Mr. Tayloe. . ."
- 1847 (30 June) A.A. Co. Deeds, JHN 2, folio 461, Hall of Records:
Alexander C. Magruder, 1st part and John & Prudence Ridout, 2nd part, to Rebecca Nicholson, widow, 3rd part, and Emily & Mary H. Nicholson, 4th part.
Samuel Ridout sold property to Alexander Magruder, and although he occupied house for many years, no conveyance was executed. Samuel Ridout died intestate, leaving John Ridout as his only surviving child and sole heir at law.
Rebecca Nicholson bought property on agreement to have house and lot conveyed to her two minor granddaughters, Mary H. & Emily E. Nicholson, daughters of her son, Joseph H. Nicholson.
- 1847 (6 Sept.) A.A. Co. Wills, BEG 1, folio 48, Hall of Records:
Will of Rebecca Nicholson. Probate 2 Nov 1848
She states, ". . . purchased a house of Judge Magruder on Duke of Gloster Street. . . he (her son, Joseph H. Nicholson) requested me to have the house settled on his two daughters, Emily E. & Mary H. Nicholson . . ."
- 1872 (26 Oct.) A.A. Co. Wills, RID 1, folio 234, County Court House:
Will of Eliza Ann Nicholson, Joseph H. Nicholson's widow.
Probate 9 December 1872. Alexander Hagner, brother, appointed executor
Item: ". . . to my dear daughter Emily N. Magruder all my interest, estate, and claim of every description in and to the three story brick house on Duke of Gloucester Street in Annapolis where I now reside. . ."
No mention is made in will of daughter Mary, who in 1859 had married James Buchanan Henry. However, a sizable amount of personal property is left to her grandson James N. Henry.
- It is assumed that:
A. As the widow of Joseph H. Nicholson, who died intestate, Eliza Ann was holding property in trust for her daughter(s).
B. That as grandson is mentioned, but not daughter, Mary H. had died and her share in property reverted to her mother, Eliza Ann Nicholson.

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- 1874 (22 Nov) A.A. Co. Deeds, SH 9, folio 27, County Court House:
Alexander B. Hagner, trustee, to Emily N. Magruder
Alexander Hagner was appointed by Circuit Court (Equity)
trustee in case James B. Henry et al vs Emily N. Magruder
et al, to sell property.
- 1948 (22 June) A.A. Co. Deeds, JHH 476, folio 543, County Court House:
Mary Randall Magruder, et al to H. H. Benson
Emily N. Magruder died intestate 13 December 1907
Mary R. Magruder, et al were surviving heirs at law.